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YESTERDAY'S BRILLIANT FETE.

The 37th annual Al Fresco Fete of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was held yesterday in the Compound of the Catholic Cathedral and the adjoining playground of the old St. Joseph's College, under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Stubbs, H. E. Vice-Admiral A. Duff, K.C.B., H. E. Major-General Ventris, C.B. and Commander W. Bowden-Smith, C.B.E.

The gross receipts are expected to amount to somewhat over \$22,000. The grounds were decorated and illuminated on a most lavish scale.

A large number of zealous workers from the Royal Navy, under Mr. R. W. Brown and Mr. R. Spettigue, had spent the whole of Saturday afternoon covering the numerous stalls with bunting and decorating the grounds with hundreds of flags from huge national ensigns to tiny pennants. The illuminations, designed by Mr. Cronin, were particularly effective, some of the scheme being very pretty; the illumination of the large Christmas Tree especially was generally admired. A number of powerful Kelson lights were also used, and it is hardly an exaggeration to say that the whole scene was, as promised, that of a veritable Fairyland.

The numerous stalls had been very neatly designed by Mr. Max, A. dos Remedios and Mr. M. P. Baptista, and every corner of the grounds, which lend themselves to an affair of this nature, seemed to have been utilised to the best advantage.

There was a large attendance at the afternoon fete, at which special amusements were provided for children. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Noronha and their assistants were kept busy at the "Ten-cent Stall," which appeared to be stocked with every good thing that the youngsters could desire. Mr. and Mrs. Willis were kept busy at the "Cute, which provided great excitement for the little ones. The Tea Room was, of course, well patronised during the afternoon. The Band of the 2nd Wiltshire Regiment played between 3 and 7 p.m. by kind permission of Col. Wyndham and the officers of the regiment.

His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Captain Warner and Captain McGrath, arrived at 9.15 p.m. and was received at the entrance by Chev. J. M. Alves, President of the Central Council, Mr. W. G. Fitz-Gibbon, Chairman of the Bazaar Committee, Lieut.-Colonel F. J. Bowen, Commander F. M. Hodgson, R.N., Mr. L. A. Barton, Mr. J. M. S. Rosario, Mr. Chao Po Sien, and Mr. Simon Tse Yan, members of the Committee. The Guard of Honour was composed of a detachment of Boy Scouts under Scoutmaster Gutierrez.

Thanks to the splendid scheme of illumination the grounds presented an even more attractive appearance at the evening, than at the afternoon fete. The lights were so well arranged that the Stalls showed up to the best possible advantage the magnificent display of articles of all kinds with which they were covered, from precious silks, silverware and porcelains to the dolls and go-carts for the kiddies' Christmas.

Where everything was so well organised and the "Stalls" and side shows so successfully carried on it would be almost impossible to make special mention. The Bank which was just at the entrance, and over which two stalwart armed Indians stood guard, was in charge of Lieut. Col. E. J. Bowen, Treasurer of the Society. The Tea Stall, which was in charge of Mrs. Jordan and her assistants, occupied a prominent position under the campfire and was prettily lighted by coloured lanterns. The two concerts, organised by Messrs. A. J. Braga, W. E. Crocker, and P. A. Rozario, were made up of really excellent items and the seating capacity of the Union Club Hall was taxed to its utmost at both shows. The "Dollar Raffle" Stall, with its splendid display of specially selected prizes, was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Noronha and was a centre of attraction, as was also the "American" Stall in charge of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Osmund. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Osmund ran the Postcard Stall which repeated its record success of last year. The Souvenir Stall, which was stocked with some really useful and beautiful articles, was kept busy during the early part of the evening handing out souvenirs in exchange for the 10 admission tickets. Articles not claimed at this Stall by 10.30 p.m. were, in accordance with the conditions printed on the tickets, transferred to other stalls and side-shows some of which were by that time becoming depleted of their stocks. This approach of Christmas was probably responsible for the good business done by Mr. Dillon's Farm Yard, Mrs. Dillon's Christmas Tree, very prettily illuminated, was, of course,

the centre of attraction for all the little ones, and when Father Christmas made his appearance he was received with delight and enthusiasm. The Electric Shooting Gallery, run by Mr. McCarthy, and the "Candles" (Messrs. A. J. Braga and P. H. Rozario and Mesdames Carroll, Gonzales and Group) also appeared to be well patronised, as were also the Roulette (Miss Loureiro), the Electric Dip, the Bran Tub, the Aunt Sally, the Lucky Wheel, Ball-in-Bucket, Quoits and the Shooting Gallery; while a chance to "strafe" the Bolshevik seemed to bring genuine pleasure to a large number of the bourgeois. The Refreshment Stall was in charge of Messrs. T. M. Perpetuo and W. J. Wilkinson, and, needless to say, did a "roaring" business until midnight. For the convenience of winners of prizes there was a Parcels Office in charge of Messrs. E. Ribeiro and J. Ward.

The following was the programme of the two concerts:

1ST CONCERT 9.15 P.M.

1.—Song Selected.....Mr. E. Crocker.

2.—Original Comedian.....Mr. J. Jones.

3.—Musical Monologue.....Mr. A. Wheelan.

4.—Instrumental Trio.....Miss V. Young, Miss R. Young.

5.—20th Century Miracles....."The Miracle Man," Mr. A. J. Braga.

2ND CONCERT 10.30 P.M.

1.—Comic Song.....Mr. W. E. Crocker.

2.—With Follies & Sabres.....Messrs. Dunbar & Burnett.

3.—Piano Solo.....Miss E. Osmund.

4.—.....The Two Rascals.....Mr. E. Thetford.

5.—Comic Song.....Mr. East.

Presiding at the Piano—Miss E. Osmund.

An Oakland five-seater motor-car, of the same type as the prize in the Motor Car Draw, was prominently displayed on a stand in front of the main entrance. The actual prize motorcar, which was won by Mr. T. Wilgress, of the C.P.O.S. (Ticket No. 652) will be taken delivery of in its case from the godown by the lucky winner. The total proceeds of the Motor Car Draw will go to the Society's funds, thanks to the generosity of the gentlemen who contributed on the grounds last evening to the cost of the car.

The following donations were received on the ground:—
Mr. Chao Po Sien \$50 (in addition to \$100 paid for souvenir tickets).
The pupils of St. Joseph's College, \$25.

The Bands of the 2nd Wiltshire Regiment and the "Société Philharmonique" under Mr. A. J. M. Rodrigues, Conductor, rendered excellent programmes of music during the evening and added considerably to the pleasure of the Fete.

The following were the members of the Bazaar Committee:—Mr. W. G. Fitz-Gibbon (Chairman), Lieut.-Colonel F. J. Bowen (Treasurer), Mr. J. M. S. Rosario (Secretary), Commander F. M. Hodgson, R.N., Major C. A. Law, Captain L. C. Bristow, R. G. A., Captain H. S. McGrath, Messrs. M. F. Baptista, L. A. Barton, A. J. Braga, R. W. Brown, T. A. Carvalho, Chao Po Sien, S. Danenberg, F. Dillon, Mr. H. Dixon, T. W. Doyle, M. Fernandes, F. Fisher, Kierens-Mackenzie, Li Yui Choi, E. J. Noronha, J. M. Noronha, A. F. Osmund, J. D. Osmund, T. M. Perpetuo, E. A. Remedios, J. I. dos Remedios, Max A. dos Remedios, A. V. Ribeiro, A. G. da Rocha, P. H. Rosario, Simon Tse Yan, E. Spettigue and J. P. Wilson.

The following is a list of the Stallholders and their assistants:—
Tea Room: (Afternoon) Miss Alda Franco, Miss May Fincher; Miss Annie Urquhart, and Misses Rogers. Tea Room: (Evening) Mrs. Jordan; Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Maitland, Mrs. Law, Mrs. Jessell, Mrs. Stopford, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Bristow, Misses Bowen.

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Ten-cent Stall: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Noronha, Mrs. J. M. Alves, Mrs. L. A. Barton, Mrs. A. Bago, Mrs. Burden, Miss Asteris Gutierrez, Miss Gerlie Chao, Miss Angeline Chao, Miss Julia Gardner, Miss E. Osmund, Miss Pile, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Rocha, Mr. and Mrs. E. Rozario, Misses Irene Rozario, Edith Rozario, Helena Rozario, Anna Xavier, Olive Xavier, Maria Borden, Gloria Frickett, Violet Tsan, and Emma E. Cordeiro. H. F. Rozario, B. Young, P. H. Yvanovich.

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Refreshments: Mr. T. M. Perpetuo and Mr. W. J. Wilkinson assisted by Messrs P. Rosa, J. Brito, D. Remedios, J. Almeida, and E. Garcia.

Crute: Mr. and Mrs. Willis assisted by Messrs Vin, Bello, and Clinton. Farm Yard and Store: Messrs F. H. Dillon and J. P. Wilson. Electric Shooting Gallery: Mr. McCarthy.

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Christmas Tree: Mrs. Dillon, Miss Warren, Misses May, Doris and Agnes Dillon.

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Lucky Wheel: Mr. R. Spettigue, Mr. Le Bosquet, and Miss Wilkinson.

Candles: Mr. A. L. Braga, Mr. P. A. R. Zarri, Mrs. W. J. Carroll, Mrs. F. Gonzales, Mrs. A. Groul, Misses Young, Stoneham, Smith, and A. Lopes.

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Motor Car Draw:—Commander F. M. Hodgson, R.N., Messrs L. A. Barton, Leo, d'Almeida e Castro, Chao Po Sien, and Simon Tse Yan.

The following were the winners in the raffles:—
Motor Car Draw:—Won by Ticket No. 0652, Mr. H. T. Wilgress, C.P.O.S. Ticket sold by Miss O. K. K. The ball was drawn from the drum by His Excellency the Governor.

Motor Cycle Draw:—Won by Ticket No. 55, Mr. Tsui Kam Hing, Fu Chai Railway Transportation Agency. Ticket sold by Mr. Coff. The ball was drawn from the drum by Commander F. M. Hodgson R.N.

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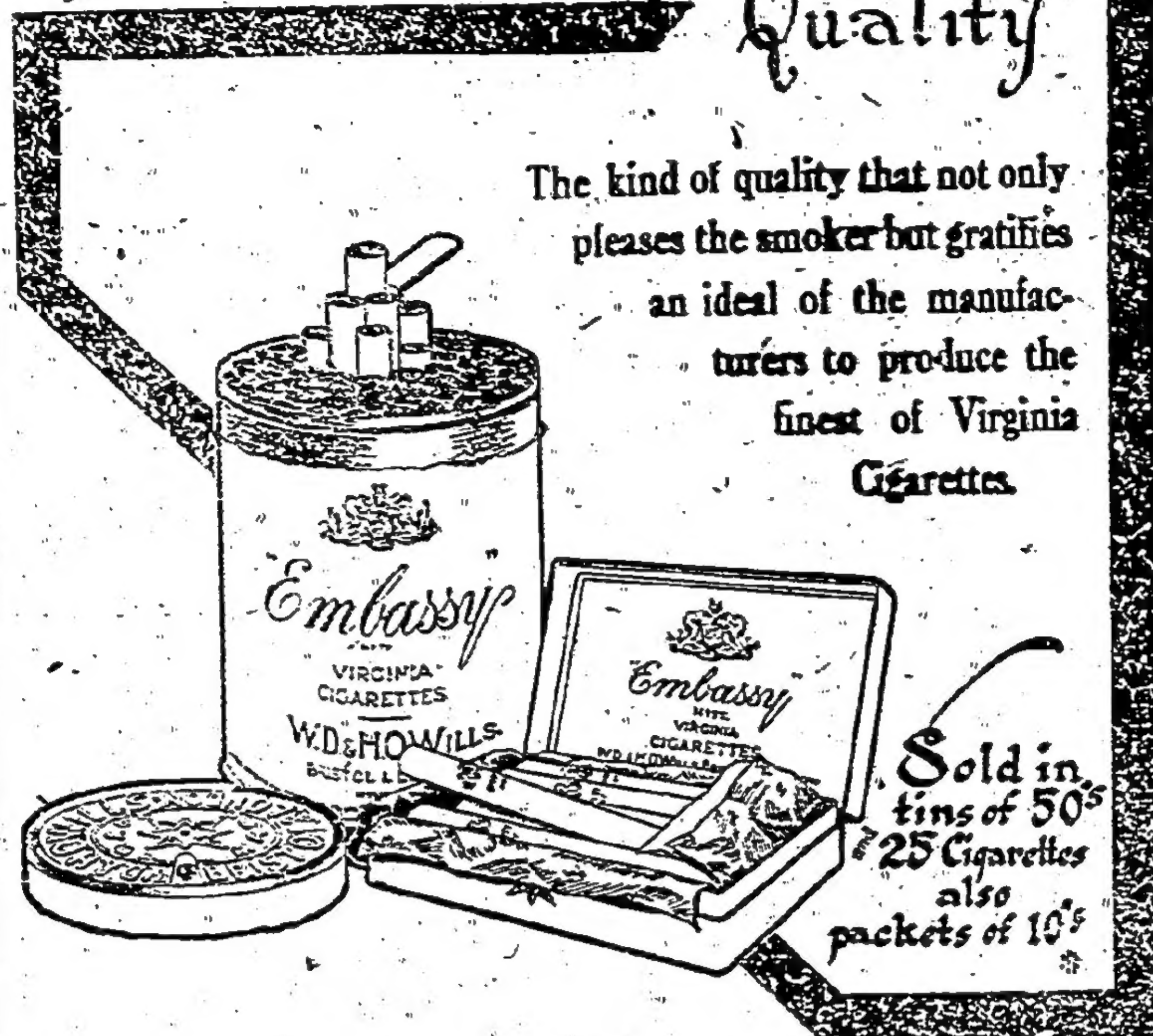
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A lively and agreeable account of travels through the tropical forest of South America is given by Mrs. Clements in "Through British Guiana to the Summit of Roraima" (Fisher Unwin, 12s. 6d. net). The authoress discarded skirts and encountered nothing more dangerous than savage fish which nibble the legs of bathers, though the Indians are convinced that the forests are haunted by spirits, that the great mountain of Roraima is the abiding-place of ghosts, and that it magically veils itself from the white man.

"Taken as a whole," she says, "primeval tropical forest is a hostile thing. To be alone even for a minute in the jungle is alarming—for such is the profound silence all around that one has a terrifying sense of being inimically watched by unseen things." Of the forest noises one of the most uncanny is the howling of the baboons. "When they are close at hand, the whole air is alive with the din, so that you cannot tell from which direction it proceeds. Every nerve in your body tingles, and there is a curious fascination in the great volume of sound, which used to remind me dimly of the boom of the big temple bell of far-distant Java."

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The descriptions of scenery and life in British Guiana are such as to send many eager travellers to that happy, sleepy land, where everything would be perfect but for the total want of labour. The climate appears to be delicious on the uplands; the Indians mild and friendly, and the spooks harmless to those with steady nerves.

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For some two thousand years poets, feminists, and other nervous people have imagined a holy alliance of women against the monstrous regiment of men. By some form or another of direct action, Aristophanes and the Suffragettes were agreed, man could be put in his place. But civilisation has not yet organised a community on the basis of sexual antagonism, and it seems that in this, as in so many other matters of social ethics, we shall have to learn from the noble savage. The particular savages to whom feminist attention must be directed are the Ba-lla, who inhabit Northern Rhodesia. They are, we are assured, of fine physique and few clothes, charming disposition and no morals. But the relevant fact is that "if any man in a village does or says something which the women take as a slight upon them, then every woman in the kraal goes on strike. They throw down their tools, and, of course, the men are faced very quickly by starvation"—man among the Ba-lla, as elsewhere, being a singularly helpless animal. The reader's first impulse is to suppose that the tribe must have long been under the mellowing influence of civilisation. Such a complete understanding of the weapons of pure democracy seems impossible in a state of nature. But the Ba-lla have only been on the map for some twenty years, and the evidence of their militant feminism comes from a clergyman who knows them well. What fills us with wonder is the conversational elegance of the tribe. Among coarse civilised nations it is rare for conversation to be long in progress without someone's good name suffering. A certain spice of malice is found necessary by the most amiable. But among the Ba-lla there can be none of this. All that vast stock of small talk catalogued by the poet as "anecdotes disparaging our wives" is to them forbidden. What they do talk about we cannot tell. But the supremacy of woman seems to be absolute. When the general strike of women is called, men, we are told, "very soon succumb, and every one of them has to make apologies to the women for the bad behaviour of the one man who has offended." What is done to him is left to our imagination, but even if it be something with boiling oil in it we may suspect that there are cases of a bold, bad man declaring the game was worth the candle. After this deplorable exhibition of masculine servility, the proceedings terminate in the usual way: offended womanhood demanding "no only apologies, but presents of beads and the like." This seems to show that those theorists who have contended that to grant the female sex a position of superiority and control would destroy its charming instincts are altogether mistaken.

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
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Hongkong, December 7, 1920.

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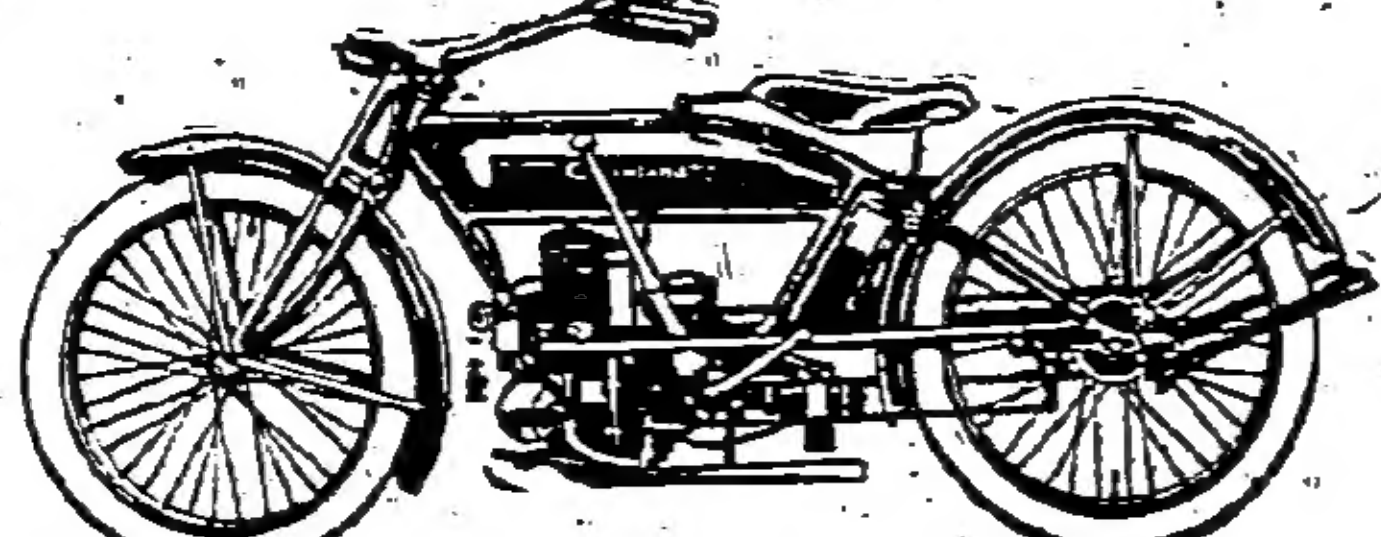
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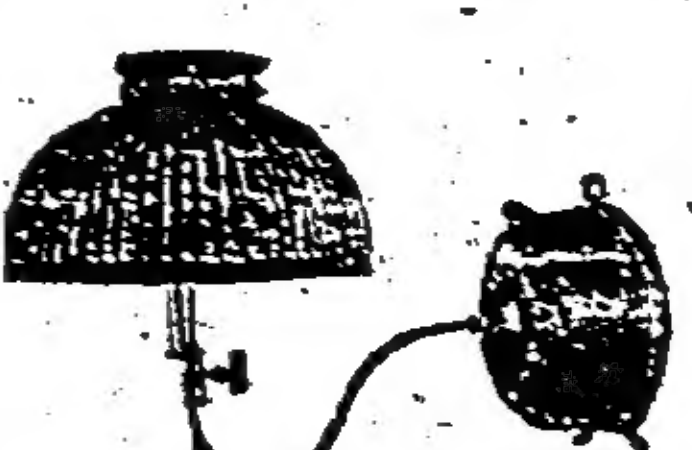
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Lying became such a regular practice during the war that it keeps on now from sheer force of habit. While the murders in Ireland are hard facts, some of the stories of the plots discovered are patent inventions for the purpose of overcoming the public distaste for strong measures in suppression. Similarly the stories of Mr. Tchitcherin's bloodthirsty telegrams are for the purpose of showing how impossible it is to deal with the Russians, and the stories of Bolshevik armies concentrating on the Indian border are manufactured for the sake of keeping the public frightened enough to condone more illicit war. We have similar things in this part of the world. The theft of dynamite is a common thing at all times, dynamite being expensive, and being useful to fishermen, but just now thefts are reported almost daily and ascribed to Koreans. The other day there was a case of a Japanese miner making big theft and blaming a Korean fellow worker as instigator, the Japanese paper saying that the unfortunate Korean "obstinately refused to confess the truth." Naturally a man stands a good deal of police persecution before he will make admissions, true or untrue, that will get him several years' imprisonment. The latest scare story we have is the report that the Chinese and Russian Governments have entered upon a secret treaty, whereby the two parties engage to assist one another with military force in case of a third Power encroaching on either the Russian or Chinese borders—an engagement which, in the existing circumstances, a little consideration will show that neither side could venture on making, says the *Japan Chronicle*. But it is good enough to hinder the abandonment of the luckless Siberian adventure and to explain strong action in regard to China, if there should be occasion for any. Such things as these are the obvious result of the propaganda system which seemed so easily justifiable when we had to win the war.

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IS THERE A PRIVATE HOTEL RING?

One of the things the Government of this Colony has not done that it might have done—if it had had any concern about Hong Kong's reputation abroad—has been to clip the wings of some of the profiteering landlords of private hotels. Either because of general apathy, or because of a sympathetic regard for the exalted privilege of every owner of a two-penny business, as distinct from the natural rights of the general public, it has allowed them to go on until their predatory activities are a by-word with every visitor to the island who has the misfortune to encounter their variety of hospitality. Since the war there has been a tremendous impetus to travel in the East. All boats are full; and every week there are hundreds of travellers, from all the principal countries of the world, passing through Hong Kong. It is of considerable importance to the Colony—and it ought to be to the Government—to consider what impressions these visitors carry away with them and what word they spread about the charms and other characteristics of the island in which we live.

It is to be assumed that these visitors are neither fools nor hopelessly stupid. By far the greater number of them are representatives of business houses on the lookout for trade, and such are not chosen for stupidity. Rather are they selected for their keenness in observation. Generally, also, they are of a positive type, accustomed to forming their conclusions quickly

and to saying what they think. The experience of any one who has ever travelled with men of this sort, on land or on sea, in the smoke-moon of a passenger liner or in the parlour car of a train across Canada will bear out the statement that you can hear in their company more crisp, pungent comment on the shortcomings of the places they have visited, than in a week's browsing in a whole library of travel.

What they can not help discovering is that food, rents, and servants' wages in Hong Kong are lower than in most countries of the world, and hotel prices are higher. A list of retail prices of food in Hong Kong, published a few days ago in the *China Mail*, shows by comparison that food is cheaper here than almost anywhere else. Here are a few of the prices: beef sirloin, 19 cents a pound; roast beef, 19 cents a pound; steak, 19 cents a pound; leg of mutton, 32 cents a pound; loin of pork, 21 cents a pound; chicken, 32 cents a pound; and fresh eggs, 26 cents a dozen. Such prices as these have not been seen in Europe or America for years—in the latter country not since long before the war. Housewives there who for four or five years have been paying a price equivalent to \$1 and \$1.25 (Hong Kong currency) a dozen for eggs, would probably declare a holiday and go on a jollification if they could buy them at 26 cents a dozen.

So with rents. The rental of property in Hong Kong is higher than it has any need to be; but it does not compare with the rents for hotel sites, private or otherwise, in any city of importance in the United States, which happens to have the reputation of being perhaps the most expensive of all countries to live in. And yet the price of hotel lodgings there is high as they are—lower than in Hong Kong.

And so with servants' wages. Here the difference is vastly great-

er. Compared with the wages paid to servants in England, the United States, France, or any other Western country, the wages paid in Hong Kong are trivial.

How the prices they have to pay for accommodation at these private hotels in Hong Kong can be justified under the circumstances is undoubtedly something that will cause wonder in the minds of visitors—a wonder that is likely to be expressed to the discredit of the Colony.

There is another feature of the situation which is bound to add colour to their comment—and this is the evil independence of the hotels with regard to the protests of their visitors concerning high prices and accommodations. The Government has allowed them to have their own way so much that they do as they please. It is a case with them of "take it or leave it." Let a patron of one of these private hotels express the opinion that the high price demanded is not justified by local conditions. Does he get any consideration? He does not. He is told that he is at liberty to get out if he doesn't like it. What he may not know is that in the case of some of these hotels there exists a water-tight combination that gets him nothing and going. If he happens to be dealing with any of the hotels that are parties to this arrangement he is done for. He gets properly indignant, and announces that he will take advantage of the invitation to leave. The hotel proprietor merely smiles. He knows there are only a few hotels to which the tenant can go, and he knows also that he probably will be up again at one with which the proprietor has an understanding. Likely enough, this is what occurs. The tenant goes to another establishment to arrange for accommodations, and is told there is nothing available at the moment. But there may be something in a few days. He goes, promising to come again. In the meantime, the manager rings up the hotel at which the prospective tenant is stopping. "How much is so-and-so paying?" The information is forthcoming, and when the tenant appears again, it is to make the interesting discovery that he can have accommodations at the same price he is paying at the place from which he wants to move. Sometimes it is worse. The answer as to the amount he is paying is supplemented with a suggestion: "He is paying such-and-such; but you can get more than that. Don't let your room go for anything less than—"

And so it goes on. Of course, this applies only to the hotels that enjoy such a convenient arrangement. Anyone who appears to know which hotels they are can probably circumvent them. But probably none of Hong Kong's casual visitors possess such information. All they know—if they are unlucky enough to land in one of these establishments—is that they are up against it. And if they are like most people, they go away talking about us and our way of safeguarding the interests of travellers.

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THE R.G.A.

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE.

A very successful Whist Drive and Dance was given by the 88th Company R.G.A., in the R.A. Theatre, Victoria Barracks, on Saturday evening, when there was a record attendance. There were 212 players taking part in the drive and the following were the winners—

Ladies—1st, Mrs. Beard; 2nd, Mrs. Blumstein; 3rd, Mrs. Booth; 4th, Mrs. Pile; 5th, Miss Pile.

Gentlemen—1st, Mr. McKee; 2nd, Mr. Brown; 3rd, Mr. Bunen; 4th, Mr. Lane; 5th, Mr. Hall; 6th, Mr. Harris.

Special prizes were given to the lady and gentleman who remained at the same table for the largest number of games and were won by the following—Mrs. Lamerton 8 games, Mr. Bayley 11 games.

The Submarine orchestra supplied the music for the dance which was voted a success. C.S.M. Pragnell carried out the duties of M.C. for the whist drive, while Mr. Gr. May performed this duty for the dance.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next Criminal Sessions will open in the Supreme Court on Monday, December 20.

The Salvation Army is about to start work in Canton under the command of Captain Ching Tienkwan, formerly in charge of similar work for the Chinese at San Francisco.

To-night the Bishop of Victoria will be at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, to meet the young men of that parish. Invitations have been sent out, and it is hoped that as many as possible will attend.

Among local residents who returned to the Colony by the "Empress of Russia" on Saturday were Sir Ellis Kadoorie, Mr. C. G. Akashier, Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth and family of Kowloon Docks, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hedley and Mr. W. C. Bailey, of the Standard Oil Co.'s installation, Col. H. E. Griffin, and Lieut. Col. and Mrs. G. B. Duff were also passengers.

The members of the Club de Rejoie at Kowloon, have arranged a Garden Party to be held in the grounds of the Club, for the purpose of welcoming H. E. Senhor Henrique Monteiro Correa da Silva, Governor of Macao, and Senhora da Silva on the occasion of their visit to Hong Kong for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new Club Lusitano building in Ice House Street.

An entertaining concert was given at the Y.M.C.A. hall by the pupils of St. Stephen's Girl's School on Saturday afternoon, in aid of the North China Famine Relief Fund. Judging by the large audience a substantial sum should be raised for the object in view. Songs and recitations were rendered in excellent style by Messrs. Yau, Yau, Bowes Smith, and Freeborn, while a playlet from "The Merchant of Venice" was successfully staged by the pupils.

YESTERDAY'S FIRE CALL.

BIG WEST POINT BLAZE.

HEAVY DAMAGE SUFFERED.

About 1.25 on Sunday morning the Fire Brigade was called out to an outbreak on the ground floor of No. 24, occupied by the Man Tse Tong Chinese medicine shop, Pokfulam Road, West Point. When the brigade arrived the flames, which had spread very rapidly, had already taken possession of the first and second floors of the house, and were blazing furiously. Steps were at once taken to safeguard the neighbouring houses, and a strenuous hour's fight succeeded in getting the flames under control and eventually extinguished, but not before the whole of No. 24 and the second floor of No. 26 occupied by the Kwong Fat export real dealers, had been completely gutted, and all the goods and other property totally destroyed. Luckily the outbreak was discovered early, and all the inmates were able to make their escape by the roof.

The Kwong Fat Co.'s stock is insured with the Yeung Shing Insurance Company for \$200,000, while that of the Man Tse Tong Co. is insured to the extent of \$30,000 with the Wing On Insurance Company. The two other floors of No. 24, which were used as dwellings, were as far as could be ascertained, not insured. The extent of the damage done to the two Chinese firms is said to exceed the insurance money by big margins.

STOLEN MOTOR CAR.

PROSECUTION DELAYED.

QUESTION OF IDENTIFICATION.

In connection with the theft of a motor car belonging to a Chinese merchant, from a godown in Irving Street, Wanchai, the three Chinese who were remanded, were again brought before Magistrate Orme this morning.

Inspector Kent asked for a further remand. He said that the police had received a communication from the Canton authorities that the car had been discovered there, but they wanted it identified before sending it to Hong Kong. The man the owner of the car had sent up to Canton was not in a position to identify it, and from what he (the Inspector) could gather, the owner himself was unable to do so either. It appeared that the only person who could identify the car was the first defendant, who had had custody of the car for several months and was familiar with the various parts. The Inspector proposed to send the first defendant in company with Sergeant Kelly to Canton on Wednesday to identify the car.

The Magistrate: If he is to go up to identify the car, it would put him in a very strong position. Has Mr. Hall no objection?

Mr. A. E. Hall: I am defending the second and third defendants, and have nothing to do with No. 1. I have no objection to his going to Canton.

Replying to the Magistrate, the first defendant said he was willing to go to Canton and identify the car. A remand was granted until Thursday morning.

APOLOGIES TO MR. WILDEN.

NOT BOXING ASSOCIATION'S FAULT.

NAVAL OFFICERS' STRANGE OBJECTION.

WHY NO BOXING MEET LIKELY THIS YEAR.

Into the *China Mail* office this morning erupted Mr. Wilden, of the Hong Kong Boxing Association. And he was a wild one. "Where," he roared, "is that skunk Adversarius? I want to tell him what I think of him."

We explained that Adversarius comes in only on Friday nights on Saturday mornings, and that his whereabouts for the rest of the week are usually unknown to us.

Well, you ought to have known better than to let him refer to me as a "big bluff," as he did on Saturday. You run the paper, don't you? You're responsible for what appears in it."

We meekly admitted this, and undertook to make proper amends. If Mr. Wilden would show cause, "You did talk big, you know," we said, "about the number of interesting competitors you had arranged, and we happen to know that the public is seriously disappointed over the non-appearance of the meeting."

Mr. Wilden lit a cigarette, and calmed down a bit in view of our meek demeanour.

"The public is not more disappointed than I am," he said. "I expected to have had a record competition about the end of this month; and it is certainly no fault of mine that it is not taking place."

"Whose fault is it?" "I am not prepared to say that it is anybody's fault. An unforeseen objection has come from certain officers of the navy, which I regard as an error of judgment on their part. Negotiations are going on yet between the Boxing Association and the navy, so I do not wish to say more than that at present. But I demand an apology from you for the attack on me, which was not deserved."

What was the objection? They object to the men fighting for purses. They think the prizes should be small trophies. They say the purses offered are too big.

Well, what difference does that make to the Association? You would save on your outlay if you agreed to the Navy suggestion. Yes, but we should not get such good boxing, nor such public support. The men prefer the purses, and box more keenly for them. As manager of the Association I quite agree with the men. It is not as if they were boxing for the benefit of private promoters. Any profits that the association makes are for charity. The purses offered are certainly not big ones, all things considered.

What is the biggest? For the main event, the championship, fifteen rounds, \$400, and of that the winner usually gets only sixty per cent, and the loser the balance. But that is only the event. For a ten round contest the purse is only \$150, divided in the same manner, or as the men themselves may decide.

For a six round event the purse is the low sum of \$60, which you cannot call exorbitant. To box six rounds for two-thirds of sixty dollars, surely that cannot be considered an excessive compensation, in view of the fact that these youngsters go through a hard and strenuous training previously. They train hard in the hope of getting into the ten round class, and the ten-round men are ambitious for promotion into the championship class. As a former member of the Lower Deck myself, I can tell you that this training entails considerable expense. The trainer and sparring partners are usually given something. Then there are medicaments to buy. They have to diet themselves, deny themselves, and work hard, so that even in the case of the maximum purse, it is fully earned. I'm dashed if I can see how they make these purses appear too big. And there his feelings overcame him again!

I think it was dashed rotten of you to call me a big bluff without first ascertaining whether I was in any way responsible for this disappointing of the lads and of the public.

We take that back, Mr. Wilden. You say the trophies suggested instead of purses would not be any attraction at all to the lads?

Not a bit. I was formerly a member of the Lower Deck, as I told you, and I know. Do you know what accommodation a lower deck hand has for storing trophies? In my time all he had was his dirty bag. Can you fancy a sailor, stoker, or marine going round the world with trophies in his kit bag? I cannot. Doesn't it stand to reason that he should prefer a purse?

You have soldier competitors also?—Yes.

Has any similar objection come from the army?—Not to my knowledge.

How long have you been interested in boxing, Mr. Wilden?—All my life. But as regards local boxing?—Oh, I don't suppose that I have missed a tournament during the last twenty years.

During that period was it ever the custom to have trophies instead of purses?—No. It was always purses, unless there was a case where it was

AMMUNITION SEIZED.

IGNORANCE NO EXCUSE.

WHERE WAS THE RIFLE?

A Chinese who arrived in the Colony on the s.s. "Tyndareus," on Saturday from Ontario, was this morning charged before Magistrate Orme with the unlawful possession of 300 rounds of Winchester .44 rifle ammunition. Pleading "guilty," the defendant said that he was taking the ammunition to his home in Chahing in the Hoiping district for use in self defence in view of the unsettled state of the country.

Inspector Gordon of the Water Police said that the defendant had no excuse for not knowing the regulations as notices were posted on all ships. However, added the Inspector, he did not propose to disprove the defendant's statement that he wanted the ammunition for self defence, as he certainly did not think the defendant was one who would use the ammunition for an unlawful purpose. All the same, the defendant must not be allowed to violate local regulations.

The Magistrate: These people sometimes get through with the contraband?—Yes. But it is generally the case that if they escape detection when coming ashore, they are caught on the Canton wharf. It is evident that the ammunition would be of no use to the defendant without a rifle, and I am convinced he has a rifle hidden somewhere, but he will not tell us anything about it.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$200 or in default two months' hard labour.

SUPREME COURT.

CHINESE WINS SUIT.

NO NEED OF LAWYER.

A Chinese who presented his own case without the assistance of counsel this morning won a judgment in the Supreme Court before the Police Judge. Mr. Justice Wood. He was Ah Sing Chuen, and he sued Cheng Shing Tai for \$316.08, which he claimed was the balance due him for goods he had sold the defendant.

The defendant alleged that he owed the plaintiff no more than \$50, and was prepared to consent to judgment for that amount. The fact that the plaintiff, following the custom of some Chinese firms, had disposed of the books in which the transactions were kept in detail, and had merely carried forward the balance, caused complications, as it was impossible to obtain an itemized statement of the debt. The defendant was represented by Mr. Lyson. Judgment with costs was given the plaintiff.

distinctly understood that both contestants wished to box under amateur status, and these cases were rare.

So that as far as you know this is the first time in twenty years of local boxing that such an objection has been raised?—Yes. Most decidedly.

We gather that your opinion is that this question of prizes affects the quality of the boxing?—Most certainly.

Can you make that plain for us?—The men, not attaching much value to the small trophy, would not train so keenly nor box so keenly. It has always been my experience that the men bank the money they win, and appreciate it.

It is certain that the training would be less thorough for the trophy than for the purse, and the training is the most important part of the game. The purse they can save and use; the trophy they would probably sell, and get no more than half its value.

You said that negotiations about this are still proceeding. Are you hopeful of any competition taking place this year?

No. I am afraid not, because the principal boxers object to work for anything but a purse. I should not be surprised to hear of a novices' competition coming off.

Under the management of the Association?—No. I don't think so. The Boxing Association last year on the Volunteer Parade Ground and lost a lot of money on it, because the public were not interested in it. Novices are not the draw that the others are.

You will let us know if the naval officers relent, and your negotiations are successful, will you not?—With pleasure, if you cut out the "big bluff" stuff.

Please forget that Mr. Wilden. You and the *China Mail* have really the same object in view all the time, namely, the good of the game. Good morning.

Good morning.

And the big man walked out without having hit anybody, and Adversarius crawled out from under the guillotine, where he had taken refuge at the outset of the interview.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BATHING POOLS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir,—That facilities for bathing are essential to the health and happiness of the community, and therefore to the prosperity of the Colony as a whole, may be accepted as an axiom.

If, as stated by the Colonial Secretary, the whole of the foreshore from Green Island to Lyemum is required for the use of the shipping of the port, the Colony has indeed cause to rejoice at the prospect of a prosperous future, but it is not necessary to deprive the community of convenient bathing places on that account.

The beach, although a source of great joy to children, is not essential for bathers, and if bathing pools were provided at various points along the tramline, that portion of the population (probably about 95 per cent.) who cannot afford trips in steam launches or motor cars, might secure a daily dip during the summer at a trifling cost.

These bathing pools might be constructed very cheaply on reclaimed land, as it would only be necessary to make the lowest part of the pool a few inches above the level of low water at spring tides to enable the pool to be emptied and cleaned once a fortnight, and to lay connecting pipes to the sea provided with valves, so that the water could be partially renewed by the ebb and flow of the tide every night, but kept up at a depth varying from 6 to 8 feet during bathing hours.

A small charge (varying with the means of the probable users of the pool) could be made for the use of dressing hut and costume and to prevent overcrowding, and a fresh water shower-bath should be added.

The V.R.C. bath shows that clean sea-water can easily be obtained from the Harbour with slight filtration.

Bathing pools might be constructed in making the proposed Reclamations at North Point, Wanchai and Kennedy Town.

Similar pools might be provided near Hungshom Station, also behind Dock Point, and in the new reclamations at Kowloon City, Tai Kok Tsui, and Cheung Sha Wan.

These pools would not in any way interfere with the use of the foreshore by shipping, as the pools might be some distance inland, and they would be excellent substitutes for, or adjuncts to, open spaces and recreation grounds.

Yours truly,
F. B. L. BOWLEY.

PRINCE AT GOLF.

SANDY HERD'S ADVICE.

"TUCK YOUR STOMACH IN."

The Prince of Wales and the Duke of York played golf over the course of the Coombe Hill Club at Kingston Hill, Surrey, where the Prince is a member.

They formed a side, and matched their best ball against the Prince's equerry, Captain Piers Walter Leph, who is nearly scratch at golf. Receiving a stroke at hole, they beat him by 4 and 3. Alexander Herd, the local professional and runner-up in this year's open championship, accompanied the party as the Prince's golf coach.

"With a little practice, the Prince would soon secure a single-figure handicap," said Herd after the match. "He played some shots that were real beauties. At the ninth, a hole of 180 yards downhill, he took a spoon for his tee shot, laid the ball 5 yards from the hole, and holed the putt for a 2."

"At the tenth, after pushing his drive into the wood, and only just getting out, he played what I honestly describe as the best shot I have seen for a long time. He had a hanging lie 200 yards from the hole, and with his spoon he put the ball beautifully on the green and got a 5. His spoon shots at the ninth and tenth won the match."

At the start, Herd had to take the Prince to task several times for one serious golfing fault—lifting his head and body during the up swing. "Tuck your stomach in," keep your head down," was Herd's admonition, until at length the Prince was moved to reply: "Sandy, if you keep on telling me that, I shall think I'm getting fat."

"Still, it took him only a few holes to correct his methods," said Herd. "He was about as apt a pupil as I have met."

The Duke of York has a splendid back swing. He would make a jolly good player if he were to practise regularly."

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10—R. F.	Hector	
11—R. F. & O.	Ranca	
12—R. F.	Archives	
Feb. 7—R. F.	Knight Templar	

FROM JAPAN.

Date	Vessel	Agent
Dec. 15—P. & O.	Devanah	
20—R. F.	Pyrrhus	
20—R. F.	St. Albans	
22—N. Y. K.	(D. & Co.) Strang. M.	
23—R. F.	Tanda	
23—R. F.	Sicilia	
Jan. 10—R. F.	Macdon	
15—R. F.	Eastern	
15—R. F.	Bellerophon	
22—P. & O.	Plassy	
24—R. F.	Oasis	
Feb. 4—P. & O.	Delta	
18—P. & O.	Irion	
21—R. F.	Khiva	
21—R. F.	Mentor	
21—R. F.	Lysion	
Mar. 7—R. F.	Achilles	

FROM MANILA.

Date	Vessel	Agent
Dec. 24—R. F.	Tyndareus	
Jan. 25—R. F.	Teucer	
Feb. 6—R. F.	Pyrrhus	
28—R. F.	Talithybia	
Mar. 28—R. F.	Tyndareus	

FROM JAYA.

Date	Vessel	Agent
Dec. 17—J.C.J.L.	Gorontalo	
18—J.C.J.L.	Haiyang	

FROM BOMBAY.

Date	Vessel	Agent
Dec. 17—N. Y. K.	Yetorofu Maru	
29—P. & O.	Ranca	
Jan. 24—P. & O.	Dunera	
Feb. 12—P. & O.	Dileara	

FROM CALCUTTA.

Date	Vessel	Agent
Dec. 25—N. Y. K.	Koten Maru	

FROM MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY.

Date	Vessel	Agent
Dec. 17—N. Y. K.	Nikko Maru	
22—A. O.	Taiyuan	
25—R. F.	Eastern	

FROM VANCOUVER.

Date	Vessel	Agent
Dec. 28—P. & O.	Monteagle	

FROM SEATTLE.

Date	Vessel	Agent
Jan. 12—D. F.	Teucer	
Feb. 1—R. F.	Ixion	
12—R. F.	Talithybia	
Mar. 18—R. F.	Tyndareus	
Apr. 12—R. F.	Teucer	
26—R. F.	Protetia	

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

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Dec. 22—T. K. K.	Siberia Maru	

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Date	Vessel	Agent
Dec. 30—G. L.	Glendoe	
Jan. 7—G. L.	Glentara	
18—G. L.	Glentara	

FROM LONDON.

Date	Vessel	Agent
Dec. 12—P. & O.	Ranca	
22—P. & O.	Plassy	
Jan. 7—N. Y. K.	Delta	
9—P. & O.	Laborer	
13—P. & O.	Khiva	
17—P. & O.	Alipore	
26—P. & O.	Nyanza	
Feb. 2—P. & O.	Nyanza	

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Date	Vessel	Agent
Dec. 1—R. F.	Hector	
18—R. F.	Almona	
27—R. F.	Rheos	
Jan. 8—R. F.	Protetia	
13—R. F.	Archives	
20—R. F.	Lacedemon	
28—R. F.	Mentor	
29—R. F.	Achilles	

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Routes' Service to the China Mail.)

YILMA INTERNATIONAL FORCE.

The Hague, December 10th.
The Government has decided to accept the invitation of the Council of the League of Nations to send a Dutch military contingent with the international force going to China to maintain order during the plebiscite in the territories disputed between Poland and Lithuania.

BARON HAYASHI ON CHINA.

LONDON, December 10th.
Baron Hayashi, on receiving Pressmen, said that the League would only attain full development when the United States and Germany became members. Baron Hayashi emphasised the necessity of disarmament. Japan, he said, desired to negotiate with China regarding Kiaochow, and would consent to withdraw troops, if China gave guarantees. Unfortunately, China was in a state of extreme unrest and lacked a firmly established central Government.

ANTI-ALIEN LAND LAW IN CALIFORNIA.

SACRAMENTO, December 10th.
Governor Stephens has formally notified the State Department at Washington that the Anti-Alien Land Leasing Law becomes effective on December 10th, and that the Governor intends to exercise his "full constitutional power in the enforcement of the statute justly, of course, but effectively."

He says he has no desire to embarrass negotiations pending between the Department and Japan. Immense reports have reached his office during the last few months of unprecedented transactions in real estate by Japanese, and sections of the State which are affected are outspoken in their denunciation of the acquisition of agricultural and real property for the purpose of evading the new land law. Litigation is bound to ensue and the Attorney-General and District Attorneys will, with full support of the State Government, apply all the resources to the full for the enforcement of the law. Governor Stephens adds that public opinion is most sensitive over the interference with the sovereign right of the State to deal with its domestic land problems.

H.M.S. "MALAYA"

LONDON, December 10th.
The battleship *Malaya* is carrying a model of herself, which has been on view in London and will be placed in the museum at Kral Lumpur.

VACCINE AGAINST YELLOW FEVER.

NEW YORK, December 10th.
The Rockefeller Institute Medical Research has announced that Dr. Hideyo Noguchi has discovered a vaccine against yellow fever.

PRINCE PURACHETRA OF SIAM.

LONDON, December 10th.
The King gave an audience to Prince Purachatra of Siam.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, December 10th.
The death is announced of Sir Herbert Dixon, Chairman of the Cotton Control Board.

Feb. 3—R. F. Helene.
10—R. F. Teiosina.
17—R. F. Titan.
25—R. F. Keemun.

The T. K. K. s.s. "Perma Maru" arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 10, and sailed on Dec. 12, in accordance with schedule, for Honolulu and San Francisco.

The L. T. s.s. "Permit" will leave Shanghai for this port on Dec. 10 and is due to arrive here on Tuesday, Dec. 14. Agents, Messrs. Doddrell & Co.

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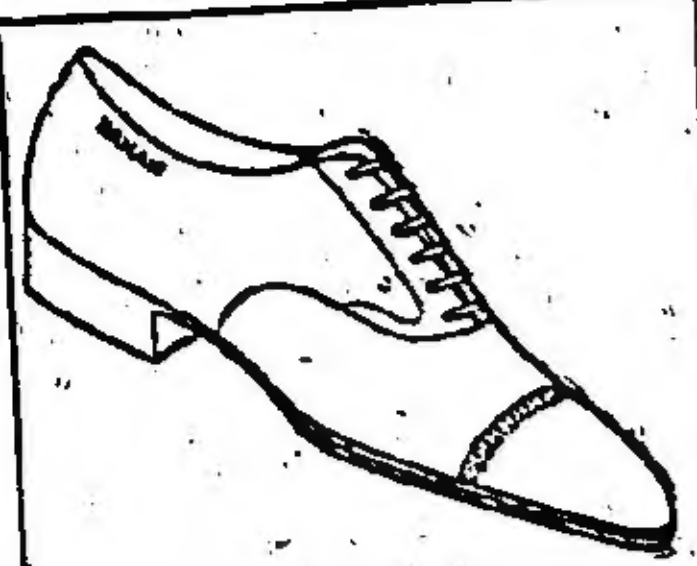
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SPORT.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

FIRST DIVISION.

*Tamar	2	Police	0
Kowloon	1	H.K. Club	0
R.G.A.	1	Athletic	1

*TAMAR v. POLICE.

Played on Navy B. Ground, this match was in charge of Mr. Cheesley. It ended in a win for the Sailors by 2-0, after a fast and exciting game. The Sailors lost the toss, and kicking off at once, made track for the Police goal. They were stopped, however, before they could get really dangerous. The ball was cleared, and the Police forward line moved forward in good combination, but could not smash through the Sailors' defence. In rapid succession after this each side attacked in turn but without final success. Both sides were awarded a penalty, both Goals saving in fine style. After every even and well contested play the half time whistle went with the scores blank.

From the kick off in the second half, the "Tamar" went off with a rush, and during the greater part of this half the Police were mostly on the defensive, with Billy their Goalsaver, his team time after time. The Sailors would not be denied, however, and their first goal came through a penalty. Style took the kick and made no mistake. The same player soon afterwards scored again, intercepting a nice pass from the right. Full time went soon afterwards.

KOWLOON v. CLUB.

Kowloon must be congratulated on their victory over the redoubtable Club team. It was of course expected that they would give the Club a good game, but popular opinion did not believe that the Kowloonites would win. The match was played on the Club ground, Mr. Jones being referee. The stand was well filled and a good crowd appeared round the ropes to witness the match.

Kicking off, the Club forwards made a dash for goal, Crocker clearing when things were beginning to look dangerous. The ball went out to Taylor who made tracks for the Club goal and nearly opened the scoring for Kowloon, a beautiful shot just going wide. Soon after Townsend put the Club goal in danger with a hard drive which skimmed the bar. The Club then attacked, keeping a steady pressure on the Kowloon goal for some time. Crocker however, was in his best form, and though his goal had some narrow escapes, he managed to keep it intact. Wheeler finally relieved the pressure, and passing to the right, the Kowloon forwards brought a lovely piece of combination culminating in Millard beating Rodgers all hands up. Kowloon led by the only goal in the first half.

The Club made active efforts to equalize from the restart, but the Kowloon defence was not giving much away, and time after time sent the Club attack away disappointed. The Club were unfortunate at this juncture, in losing McTavish who had to be helped off the ground. Notwithstanding, the Club still kept attacking, their shooting, however being poor. From now on the Club were put on the defensive, their goal escaping two or three narrow shaves. The final whistle went with Kowloon victors by the only goal scored.

R.G.A. v. S.C. ATHLETIC.

This match was down for decision on the Sookumpoo ground, Mr. Wells being the Referee.

The Athletic kicked off and lost little time in putting the Soldiers' defence on their mettle, the ball finally going behind. The game then developed into a series of rapid exchanges, the soldiers and the Chinese (kicking turns) at attacking in rapid succession. Play was very swift and keen, but the shooting was not very strong on either side. Close on to half time the Chinese broke through and scored.

The second half was a repetition of the first, the exchanges favouring neither side very much. In this half, Omar,

however, the Soldiers scored, close on full time, and the whistle went with a very indicative result, each team walking off with a point to their credit.

SECOND DIVISION.

St. Joseph's	5	S. China	1
R.G.A.	4	Kowloon	0
Oilers	3	Staffs	2
*Carlisle	1	Club Res	0
United	1	Indians	0

ST. JOSEPH'S v. S. CHINA.

The College team is one that will finish up very near the top of the second division when the final game is played. This is not surprising, the College team comprising practically the same lot that played first division "football" last year. Any way, after giving Kowloon, recent winners, a severe drubbing last week, St. Joseph's added another two points to their credit by decisively beating the S. China reserves on Saturday by 5 goals to 1, the Chinese never once standing the ghost of a chance right through the game.

R.G.A. v. KOWLOON.

The R.G.A. reserves are also a team who will not be very far down in the second division list if they keep on playing in the same way they have done so far. They brought off another win on Saturday at the expense of Kowloon who will have to buck up if they do not want to finish up at the bottom of the second league. They can play football, but want more practice together before they can hope to do anything. The Gunners scored first, Blyth for Kowloon equalizing soon afterwards, this score ruling at half time. In the second half the Soldiers had a clean walk over, doing practically as they pleased and scoring three times without reply.

OILERS v. STAFFS.

The Oilers are certainly bucking up and improving their position in the second division and on present form they ought to give any team in the second division a very good game. They met the Staffs at the Sookumpoo Valley on Saturday and after a very fast and hard fought game secured two points by the odd goal in five. After a few minutes of even play the Oilers broke through and scored. The Staffs equalized not long afterwards. The game after that was very evenly contested, the Oilers scoring a second goal close on to half time. The Oilers scored their third goal early on in the restart and though the Staffs netted in reply they could not bring the scores level, the points going to the Oilers, who fully deserved their win.

Mr. Wells was in charge of a very fine game.

"CARLISLE" v. CLUB.

The Club Reserves were away for this match, meeting the "Carlisle" on Navy A ground. They had hard lines in not bringing off a draw, the "Carlisle" being rather lucky in winning by the only goal. The referee was Mr. Clements.

UNITED v. INDIANS.

A very fast and tricky match was witnessed on the Navy B. Ground on Saturday, the United being at home to the Indians, who fielded a very formidable team, including Jackson, a player of no mean ability. After the Indians had two or three chances at the United goal without success, the United got going, and after good passing on the part of their forwards Chubb opened the scoring with a high shot. The Indians attacked after this but finished weakly in front of goal each time. The half time whistle went with the United one ahead. In the second half the Indians had far the best of the game, the United rarely having a chance to attack. But try as they would, the Indians failed to score, and the game ended in a win for the United by the only goal. The referee was Mr. Omar.

PLAY PLANNING IN FOOTBALL.

Steve Bloomer, one of England's greatest goal-scoring writers in a Home paper, writes in "Football G.H.Q." in which the writer (Mr. Sydney Walton) suggested the drawing up of a plan of campaign before each encounter by the players of the respective sides, and concluded by stating that he might, after all, "be carrying coals to Newcastle."

Now, I read that article with much interest. It interested me because, for one thing, I felt it to show a sincere desire by the author to discover if it were possible to formulate, before the game began, a definite policy of play which would lead to the defeat of the "enemy."

Personally, I do not think that it is possible in the way suggested by Mr. Walton. It is on the same plane as "faking" a game without the consent and co-operation of the players on the other side.

Of course, a plan of campaign could be drawn up easily enough, but it would in all probability be found to be useless when play was in progress; and the situations which arose would have to be dealt with by tactics induced by these situations. But as an International and First League player of much experience, I must say that it is, as I have repeatedly found, an excellent thing for a team to meet on the eve of a match and discuss the opponents of to-morrow.

A very wise plan is—and I proffer it here and now to all clubs—for the forwards to discuss together the merits and demerits of the defence which they will have to face, and for the half-backs, full-backs, and goalkeeper to analyse the attacking force that will endeavour to pierce their lines.

Individually and collectively the "enemy" is placed on the dissecting table. But no definite plan of campaign is attempted, for reasons which should be obvious to all first-class players. Talks such as these cannot fail to be stimulating and helpful. I remember in my early years with Derby County how much I profited by our team meetings on Friday nights—meetings conceived by my famous old colleague John Goodall.

A word or two more. The time to form a definite plan of campaign is in the arena during play. The wise captain is always on the look-out for weak spots in the "enemy's" armour. And should he discover one he quietly passes the "news" round and gives his orders accordingly.

Of course, if the discovery be made only a few minutes before the interval, he keeps it for the dressing-room, and in the second half concentrates more or less, on the weak link. And the captain of the other side—if he be a prudent guide—will also have found the matter out, and his policy will be to lend what support he can without causing weakness elsewhere—a policy which will tax his ingenuity considerably.

Other aspects of play often arise which call for the introduction of particular methods of strategy, but such strategy must wait on the actual presence of particular circumstances. To form a definite plan of campaign before the game starts is, therefore, simply a waste of time.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. DRAW WITH I.R.C.

The above teams played a very interesting game on the H.K.C.C. ground on Saturday afternoon. The wicket was exceptionally favourable to the batsmen, and the scoring was high on both sides. The Indians made 169 runs for the loss of six wickets, and declared at that figure. M. H. Abbas, batting very vigorously, scored a well-compiled 45, and was his side's chief contributor. Starting their innings at 4.30 the Club endeavoured to overhaul the Indians, but for the call of time, would have done so without difficulty. However, the match was played to a fine draw. T. E. Pearce and W. C. D. Turner upon whom the Club depended so much, were unfortunate in being both dismissed with the score at 28, but C. Baker and F. H. Farthing stopped the rot with a beautiful partnership which netted over a hundred runs for the side before they were separated. After their dismissal, with the score at 158, the Club tail went to pieces, and two wickets were secured by Abbas for one run. When stumps were drawn, the Club had 160 runs to their credit and five layers still to bat.

I.R.C.

S. H. Ismail, lb.w.	b Drummond	23
A. A. Rumjahn, lb.w.	b Drummond	17
G. C. Earle, b Farthing	11	
A. H. Rumjahn, run out	15	
M. H. Abbas, b Farthing	45	
S. A. Ismail, not out	20	
S. D. Ismail, c Baker, b Pentycross	11	
D. Weerapall, not out	26	
Extras	2	
Total (for 6 wks. declared)	169	

D. Rumjahn, N. M. Box and K. Khan did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

Radford	5	0	15	0
Farthing	16	5	45	2
McNicol	8	3	18	0
Drummond	7	0	21	2
Turner	3	0	12	0
Hope	1	0	11	0
Pearce	3	0	11	0
Sawyer	3	0	4	0
Pentycross	1	0	5	1

HONGKONG C.C.

T. E. Pearce, b Earle	17
W. C. D. Turner, b Abbas	11
C. Baker, b Abbas	55
F. H. Farthing, c A. A. Rumjahn, b S. H. Ismail	76
L. Hope, run out	1
Pentycross, not out	1
J. A. Radford, c S. D. Ismail, b Abbas	0
Extras	0
Total (for 6 wickets)	160

J. Radford, L. McNicol, W. H. Drummond, Sawyer and L. J. Davies did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

Earle	7	0	39	1
Abbas	10	0	57	3
A. A. Rumjahn	3	0	13	0
S. H. Ismail	2	0	26	1
Weerapall	2	0	7	0
K. Khan	3	0	18	0

CIVIL SERVICE BEAT CRAIGENGOWER.

A strong Civil Service team played havoc with the Craigengower XI in their league match on Saturday, winning easily by five wickets and 112 runs. Batting first, Civil Service immediately went about getting runs. They knocked the bowlers all round the wicket, and having scored 187 for the loss of five wickets, declared, G. R. Sayer played very pretty cricket and was his side's chief contributor with a score of 66. A. R. Sutherland and who indulged in vicious driving which was delightful to watch, was the next best contributor with 42. F. J. De Rome's 30 was also worthy of mention. The others who contributed double figures were R. C. W. H. Wood (11), A. E. Wood (11, not out), and G. H. Piercy (11, not out). Craigengower replied very feebly with 75 runs, of which P. T. Lambie (20), W. Grimmett (16) and R. Bassa (11), were the only contributors of double figures. R. E. O. Bird, whose bowling played havoc with the side, secured five wickets for 38 runs while E. B. Reed, whose balls were also difficult to play, had three wickets for 22 runs to his credit.

The scores were—

CIVIL SERVICE.	
F. J. de Rome, st. Holdman, b Lambie	30
R. Sayer, st. Holdman, b Lambie	66
G. R. Sayer, c Drake, b Lambie	11
A. E. Wood, not out	15
W. Chipchase, st. Holdman, b Lambie	7
A. R. Sutherland, c Thompson, b Grimmett	42
G. H. Piercy, not out	11
Extras	5
Total (for 5 wks. declared)	187

E. B. Reed, E. Fincher, W. H. Edmonds and R. E. O. Bird did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

Lambert	6	0	27	0
Drake	3	0	18	0
Anderson	3	0	31	0
Grimmett	9	0	54	1
Lambie	9	0	52	4

CRAIGENGOWER.

R. Bassa, b Reed	11
H. Holdman, lb.w. Bird	0
S. Jex, c Chapman, b Bird	8
F. G. Thompson, c Edmonds, b Bird	4
Bird	1
B. W. Brachury, b Reed	16
W. Grimmett, b Reed	16
L. E. Lambert, run out	3
P. T. Lambie, b de Rome	20
R. C. W. H. Wood, b Bird	11
W. S. Drake, b Bird	0
C. Anderson, not out	6
Extras	6
Total	75

Bowling Analysis.

Bird	10	0	38	5
Reed	9	3	28	3
De Rome	13	0	5	1
Edmonds	1	0	4	0

R.G.A. DEFEAT K.C.C.

This league match, which was played at King's Park on Saturday, resulted in a win for the R.G.A. by 34 runs after a very close game.

The scores were—

A. O. Brown, b Davies	4
C. J. Stapleton, c and b Baker	21
D. M. Goodall, st. Bagnall, b Graham	37
J. Stalker, b Baker	0
B. D. Evans, c Sgt. Thornton, b Baker	0
E. L. Braga, lb.w. b Baker	30
R. G. Southerton, c Bagnall, b Graham	20
A. W. Ramsay, b Davies	12
H. Overy, not out	0
R. Pestonji, b Graham	0
W. B. Haslett, lb.w. b Davies	0
Extras	2
Total	130

Bowling Analysis.

Lt. Graham	13	1	56	3
Capt. Davies	16	3	43	3
Bom. Baker	8	0	31	4

R.G.A.

Capt. Olliver, c Overy, b Stalker	77
Lt. Chester, c Overy, b Southerton	32
Capt. Davies, c Stapleton, b Haslett	23
Major Bagnall, b Overy	0
Bom. Baker, hit-wicket, b Overy	0
Lt. Graham, b Overy	14
Gnr. Cousins, not out	14
Lt. Thornton, b Overy	2
Sgt. Skeet, c Brown, b Overy	2
C.S.M. Pragnall, c Braga, b Stalker	4
Gnr. Dyer, b Overy	0
Extras	11
Total	157

Bowling Analysis.

J. Stalker	8	0	46	2
R. Pestonji	5	0	28	0
B. D. Evans	4	0	23	0
R. G. Southerton	3	0	17	1
W. B. Haslett	3	0	10	1
A. W. Ramsay	2	0	12	0
H. Overy	4	1	17	6

LEAGUE TABLE.

(UP TO DECEMBER 11).				
	P.	W.	L.	D.
L.R.C.	2	1	1	4
Craigengower	3	1	1	4
Kowloon	3	1	1	4
Civil Service	1	1	1	3
R.G.A.	1	1	1	3
University	3	1	2	2
H.K.C.C.	3	1	2	2
C.R.C.	1	1	1	1
Staffs	1	1	1	1

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

NAVY v. R.E. and I.A.

The above friendly matches, which was played at Happy Valley on Saturday, resulted in an easy win for the Navy by four wickets.

The scores were—

R.E. AND I.A.	
Capt. Gray, b Croles-Rees	20
Capt. Wahl, c Franks, b Kennett	0
Maj. Edwards, b Croles-Rees	0
Col. Taylor, c and b Stanley	28
Spr. Jacobson, st. Franks, b Croles-Rees	10
Lt. Larkum, c Franks, b Croles-Rees	7
Rees	6
Lt. Hammond, b Croles-Rees	1
Q.M.S. Tidy, run out	1
Spr. Morris, b Stanley	1
Lt. Cpl. Hayward, not out	0
Spr. Cleaver, c and b Croles-Rees	1
Extras	5
Total	83

Bowling Analysis.

Kennett	10	3	24	1
Croles-Rees	12	2	34	6
Stanley	5	0	20	2

NAVY.

Rev. Fr. Purcell, b Hammond	1
Steward, run out	89
Lt. Francis, c Gray, b Edwards	38
Lt. Jones, c Larkum, b Edwards	7
Lt. Caswell, b Gray	0
Lt. Com. Greig, not out	52
Extras	5
Total (for 6 wks.)	192

Rev. Croles-Rees, M. Kennett, Westall, Dixon and Stanley did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

Edwards	11	0	66	2
Hammond	7	0	38	1
Gray	6	0	65	1
Larkum	2	0	18	0

C.R.C. 2nd v. K.C.C. 2nd.

This match, which was played on the Chinese ground at Causeway Bay on Saturday, resulted in an easy victory for the visiting team by 48 runs.

The scores were—

Lt. D. P. Hannan, c Lai Kuen, b Wong Po-Keung	0
P. L. Newman, b Lai Kuen	0
A. E. Silkstone, b Yew Man Hon	24
L. S. Bates, c Wong Po-Keung	21
R. R. Beecham, c Wong Po-Keung	18
W. F. J. Gorvin, c Yew Man Hon	26
A. G. Pile, b Yew Man Hon	7
W. T. Elson, b Wong Po-Keung	3
U. G. Pritchard, not out	6
R. H. Jewsbury, not out	6
E. F. Spinks, did not bat	0
Extras	6
Total	142

Bowling Analysis.

3				
2				
5	1			
4	0			

Bowling Analysis.

	G.	M.	
Wong Po Keung	13	0	60
Lai Kuen	6	1	13
Yew Man Hon...	15	1	63

C. R. C.

Lo Man Fan, b Gorvin	6
Chan Tin Sung, lb.w. Silkstone	31
Wong Po Keung, c Gorvin, b Silkstone	38
Lai Kuen, b Gorvin	7
Yew Man Hon, b Gorvin	1

Bowling Analysis.

W. F. J. Gorvin	11	2	30	3
Lt. D. P. Hannan	8	0	18	1
L. S. Bates	3	0	12	0
E. F. Spinks	3	1	10	0
A. E. Silkstone	7	3	16	3
A. G. Pile	4	0	0	1

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail).

UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING.

WASHINGTON, December 9th.
In the House of Representatives, Mr. Kahn, of California, Chairman of the Military Committee, referred to the differences between Japan and the United States regarding the immigration of the Japanese into California, and denounced the constant agitation in Japan which resulted in the Japanese being treated as "inferior" in Japan. He asked: "Are the Japanese trying to bring about a conflict between the white races and the yellow and brown races?" The world had recently learned that the United States was not too proud to fight, if forced into a war. He advocated universal military training as the best prevention of war.

EARTHQUAKES IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

New York, December 10th.
San Salvador reports state that terrific earthquakes have taken place in Choluteca (Honduras). Violent shocks were felt in Choluteca, and Nicaragua. The extent of the damage done is not known.

BOMB OUTRAGE.

London, December 10th.
Telegrams from Baghdad state that a bomb was thrown at the opening of the session in the Senate, killing two and seriously wounding several Senators.

INCREASED IMMIGRATION.

WASHINGTON, December 10th.
The House of Representatives voted unanimously in favour of restricting the general debate on the immigration bill to four hours. The Government has expressed the hope that the bill will be passed immediately.

Mr. Campbell, the Chairman of the Rules Committee, declared that, unless the flood-gates of immigration are closed, the standard of living will be lowered, the present (already estimated at 200,000,000) will be rampant, and the wage scale will be destroyed.

Mr. Johnson, author of the Immigration Bill, said: "We are receiving the human wreckage of the war, not the strength and virility that once came to new forests, and soil in our factories. Worst of all they are coming in such numbers that momentarily we shall not be able adequately to take care of them."

IRISH SITUATION.

London, December 10th.
It is announced that martial law will, finally, be applied to a limited area in South-West Ireland, where lawlessness has been prevalent. The Government will undoubtedly be extended if the development requires it.

London, December 10th.
Rumour was rife in the Lobby to-night that Mr. Lloyd George would make an important statement regarding Ireland next day. It is understood that he will announce the possibility of the proclamation of martial law, at the same time indicating the readiness of the Government to enter into conversations with the representatives of moderate Sinn Féin opinion in Ireland.

LATER.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George said that the Government was convinced that the majority of the Irish people were anxious for peace. The Government was also anxious for a real peace on the basis of the acceptance of the unbroken unity of the United Kingdom—(cheers). On the other hand, the Government was not prepared to accept the proposal for the organisation of a separate Irish Republic, which was a step towards the spirit of an independent and belligerent power. The Government will continue to intensify its campaign against the small but highly organised and determined minority who are causing trouble and outrage in order to attain the impossible, which could not bring peace either to Ireland or to Great Britain—(cheers).

The policy of the Government was, on the one hand, repression of crime, and on the other hand, preparing the way towards a better understanding between the two peoples. The Premier referred to Father O'Flanagan's telegram of December 5th, and pointed out that Father O'Flanagan's action had been repudiated by the majority of the Irish people. The Government had replied, saying that it was prepared to offer facilities for a complete discussion of the whole situation by the duly elected representatives of the constituencies in any part of Ireland on the fundamental conditions laid down by the Government. He would be glad to learn that the party Father O'Flanagan represented was prepared to accept them. Referring to the decision to proclaim martial law in certain areas, the Premier said that insurgent forces had been taken to take to the hills, whence they attacked the police and intimidated the people, who were tired of terrorism, and it was necessary that they should be captured and broken up. They would be given time to surrender, and would not be under any compulsion to fight. The Crown or the parish priests, provided that the latter handed over the arms. If they did not surrender within a specified time, they would be treated as rebels, liable to the death penalty. The same penalty would be applicable to those unlawfully wearing the uniforms of His Majesty's Forces and those aiding and harbouring rebels. The Premier regretted the necessity of martial law, but the Government was determined to make the authority of the law and the Empire paramount. At the same time he desired to convince Ireland that the British House of Commons and the British nation were willing to parley with the people of Ireland with a view to establishing peace, goodwill and friendship—(cheers).

London, December 10th.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George, in his statement on the Irish situation, referred to the recent resolution of the Sinn Féin County Council of Galway requesting the British Government to appoint three delegates to negotiate peace and the preliminary terms of peace.

Mr. Lloyd George said that the Government had decided to give safe conduct to Sinn Féin members of Parliament for the purpose of such a meeting, but had excluded members involved in the commission of serious crimes.

Simultaneously, the Government was determined to do its utmost to break up the Terror in the last two terrible incidents had convinced the Government that stronger action was necessary and martial law was to be proclaimed in certain areas.

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GERMANY'S MILITARY FORCE.

BERLIN, December 10th.
A German Note to the Inter-Allied Military Commission says that Germany has never recognised the obligation to disband the self-defence organisations, which are non-military and only temporary, but necessary.

The German Note points out that the completion of the surrender of arms by the self-defence organisations does not apply to Bavaria and East Prussia. The former is still completely under the influence of the Soviet regime established in 1919, and the self-defence organisations cannot be disbanded as long as they are confronted with the possibility of defenceless against revolutionary forces equipped with modern weapons, while the East Prussians are suffering from the warlike acts of their neighbours and the entry of portions of the Russo-Polish armies. They must be able to supplement the inadequate forces of the State.

CHARGE AGAINST GERMANY.

PARIS, December 10th.
At a meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee it was stated that none of the Allied advances to Germany to improve the feeding of the Ruhr miners were expended for that purpose.

M. Leger, declared that Germany had undoubtedly carried out her undertakings, and added that France in the 1921 Budget was providing advances of millions of marks to Germany. "This situation cannot last," the Premier declared.

U.S. LOAN TO GREAT BRITAIN.

WASHINGTON, December 10th.
The Secretary, Mr. Houston, has announced the details of the plan by which Great Britain agrees to pay its debt of \$125,000,000, due to the United States for silver purchased in war-time, by 1924. The debt represents bullion obtained from melting silver dollars to relieve the shortage of Indian money, and will be paid in equal annual instalments from 1921 to 1924 in proportions of 50 per cent. on April 1st, and 40 per cent. on May 5th each year, with accrued interest of 5 per cent. from April 1st, 1919. Until the payment is completed Great Britain will permit the United States Treasury to make tenders for the purchase of rupee credits offered in India on the same terms as British nationals.

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.

SYDNEY, December 9th.
New South Wales made 302 runs. Batsmen: 103; Kellerman 168 and Bardsley 235. The two last-named registered a record for fifth-wicket partnership, namely 397. Bardsley's innings was faultless; the timing was excellent and there were 28 fours.

South Australia made 191. Pelley contributed 73. The match was abandoned owing to rain.

AMERICAN MARINE ACT.

New York, December 10th.
The Shipping Board has suspended indefinitely the operation of the clause of the Merchant Marine Act allowing preferential railway rates to goods to be exported on American ships.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

GENEVA, December 10th.
The Assembly of the League has, on the motion of Lord Robert Cecil, accepted without amendment the report of the Committee on the use of the blockade as an economic weapon by the League against Covenant-breaking States.

The Assembly also passed the proposed Health Organisation of the League.

COTTON CROP PROSPECTS.

MEMPHIS (Tennessee), Dec. 10th.
A conference of Southern bankers, merchants and farmers here has decided to reduce cotton production next year by 50 per cent. by curtailing the acreage cultivated. Machinery has been sent in motion to curtail the grant of credit to growers not willing to agree to a reduction.

WAGES REDUCTION.

BOSTON, December 10th.
A conference of textile manufacturers in New England and New York has forecasted a 22½ per cent. reduction in wages. The reduction affects 300,000 workers.

KING OF DENMARK.

PARIS, December 10th.
Their Danish Majesties, who are visiting Paris, were cordially welcomed and were entertained to dinner by the President at the Elysée. They have gone to visit the battlefields.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

STOCKHOLM, December 10th.
A message from Christiania states that President Wilson has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 1919 and M. Leon Bourgeois for 1920.

HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST.

LONDON, December 10th.
At the Albert Hall, in the twenty rounds heavyweight contest, Frank Moran (America) was knocked out by "Joe" Beckett (England) in the second round.

AUSTRIAN REPUBLIC.

VIENNA, December 10th.
Dr. Hainisch has been elected President of the Austrian Republic. He belongs to no political party, but is a staunch partisan of the union of Austria with Germany.

TURKS ATTACK GREEKS.

LONDON, December 10th.
A Smyrna message states that Turkish Nationalists are attacking Greeks at many points along the front.

GREEK FLEETBOAT.

ATHENS, December 10th.
The official result of the plebiscite shows that roughly 1,014,000 votes were registered. Of these practically 1,000,000 were in favour of ex-King Constantine.

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HOW RHEUMATISM
CAN BE OVERCOME

When the general health is broken down, if conditions are favourable for the disease, rheumatism is liable to develop. Without conditions of low vitality and weakened resistance nature will protect the body against disease. A marked feature of the development of rheumatism is the thinning of the blood. Until the blood becomes rich and well-oxygenated, so that it can eliminate poisons from the system, attacks of rheumatism may be expected from time to time.

The case of Mr. John Dempsey, of Kalamazoo, West Australia, well known as the proprietor of the Broken Hill Cordial Factory, is proof of how Dr. Williams' Pink Pills enable the system to throw off rheumatism by purifying and enriching the blood. Mr. Dempsey said:—

"Some time ago I noticed a pain settling in my leg. It spread down the whole of my right leg. My knee was affected, and got terribly swollen, as did also the ankle and foot. I was laid up for four weeks, but bearing one day that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills had cured another patient of Rheumatism, I sent for a bottle. That first took me out of bed and put me to work again. I could hardly credit such a thing in myself. I continued taking the Pills and after a time not a pain was left."

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